PRESENT—*cont.*

Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Uzielli, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. H. R.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Wright, Sir William.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Bodinayakkanur, The.
Zamindar of Chemudu, The.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi, The.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram, The.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Education

Working of the Champion scheme.

* 471 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many areas the Champion scheme has been introduced, what the names of those places are, and when it has been introduced in each;

(*b*) how the scheme is working and what the amount saved is in each of such places as a result of the introduction of this scheme; and

(*c*) in which of the places the Government propose to bring in this scheme during the course of this year and the next (each separately)?

A.—(*a*) Amalgamation of schools has been given effect to in some places. No useful purpose will be served by compiling a list of these places nor is information available in all cases as to the date from which the amalgamation took place.

(*b*) No information is available. Amalgamation and concentration of schools, where it has been given effect to, has been generally at the instance of the local authorities.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I ask, Sir, whether the information in regard to this matter will be called for and furnished, as it would give us facilities to know whether the scheme may be further pushed through or not?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"My hon. Friend put the same question some months ago, and the answer was furnished; nothing further has been done since. As has been already stated, the schemes which have been prepared by the education authorities have not yet been put into operation. I do not think any useful purpose will be served in compiling a list."

Mr. G. R. Premayya:—"The answer says that no useful purpose will be served by compiling a list. If it is not useful to the

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Hon. Minister, it is decidedly useful to others to whom this is a question of life and death especially when the amalgamation is effected?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"May I know how that affects the question before us."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"May I know from the Hon. Minister whether he has issued instructions to the inspecting authorities to state whether the scheme is working satisfactorily?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"As I said, no scheme has yet been put into effect which was prepared by the education authorities. Some local bodies have introduced schemes of their own accord. When those schemes are put into effect, then we shall watch how they work."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Is the general question of amalgamation under consideration?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The general question was settled by my hon. Friend when he was Minister. Schemes have been prepared but the preparation of details is a very difficult matter and gives rise to a lot of controversy. Individual schemes are under further examination."

Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Am I to take it that the Hon. Gentleman is hiding behind my decision?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am afraid I am very much in the light, Sir."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Is it not a fact that several district boards have asked the Government to say whether if they are prepared to give effect to the scheme, the Government will give them a grant?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"As I said, some local bodies have introduced the schemes with the concurrence of the Government. When applications are received, each case will be decided on its merits."

Allotment of building grants to board secondary schools during the last six years.

* 472 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state the amount of building grants given for board secondary schools in each district during each of the last six years?

A.—The information asked for is given in the annexed statement.[a]

[a] Printed as Appendix on page 823 infra.